

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:434

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EXPORT OF IRON-ORE BY PRIVATE LEASE-HOLDERS

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the iron-ore of highest quality is being exported by the private lease holders of iron-ore mines and the cost involved in the excavation of one ton iron is Rs. 250 to Rs. 300 while it is being exported at the rate of Rs. 3000/-;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total quantity of iron-ore produced and consumed in the country during each of the last three years, till date;

(d) whether iron-ore is imported also;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the number of iron-ore mines allocated to private companies/individuals by the Government till March 31,2007 and the quantity of iron-ore exported by these private mine holders between April 01,2003 and 31 January, 2007; and

(g) the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) & (b): Exports of iron ore are guided by the Export-Import policy enunciated by the Department of Commerce. As per information available with the Indian Bureau of Mines, the average ex-mines cost of production of iron ore was Rs. 524 in the year 2005-06, apart from transportation costs and other taxes levied on the ore produced. As per information available with the Department of Commerce the sale price of iron ore is around Rs.3000 per tonne.

(c): The total production and consumption of iron ore from 2004-05 to 2006-07 in the country is given below:-

(in million tonnes)

Year	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
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Production	145.94	165.23	180.91 (provisional)
Consumption	57.84	63.43 (provisional)	72.00 (Estimated)

(d) & (e) Details of import of iron ore during the year 2004-05 to 2006-07 in the country is given below:

(In tonnes)

Year	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (provisional)
Import	485000	611000	484000

(f) & (g) Details of prior approval conveyed by the Central Government for grant of mineral concession for iron ore are available at the website of the Ministry of Mines (<http://mines.nic.in>). As per information given by Indian Bureau of Mines, state-wise despatches of iron ore by private mine owners for export from 1.4.2003 to 31.1.2007 are given below:-

(in tonnes)

State	Export (provisional)
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Andhra Pradesh	9407554
Chattisgarh	4213
Goa	85451088
Jharkhand	1361460

Karnataka 46270341
Maharashtra 1221704
Orissa 31490519

Total 175206879